

Final Run



Harry D. Maddy

October 1999 - Harry D. Maddy, NMRA Life Member, died October 27th in Muncie Indiana. Harry was a very involved model railroader. His railroad was the Gopher B&D, (Go for Broke and Did), and he often referred to it as the 'Home layout without a home'. Harry had been a CID board member and was well known in the Midwest Region. He attended many meets, shows and activities in the MWR including the WISE Division's open house, now called TRAINFEST, making name badges for members sometimes working right through the Convention or Show. He was also actively involved in the Muncie and Western O gauge RR club in Muncie.

As active as Harry was with the NMRA and CID, he was just as active in Scouting where his local work with the Boy Scouts of America earned him the treasured Silver Beaver Award.

Harry had been in poor health the last few years and found it necessary to have someone drive him where he needed to go, sometimes a family member and sometimes a club member. He will be missed.

Wayne Thompson

November 1999 - Wayne Thompson, NMRA member, died November 7th. Wayne had owned and operated **Train Central** for eight years.

Tom Cain said...

He always supported the CID and gladly put up our flyers in the store. He indicated that he wanted to attend our meets but most often had to stay back at the store on those days. He did attend one of our meets at Greenfield on a Sunday during the time of year when he was not open Sundays.

He was a gracious man and always friendly and accommodating to everyone who came through the hobby shop door. He learned our names and there was nothing as friendly as walking in the door of Train Central and hearing that, "Hi Tom."

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MWR DUES

Q) Well, my check found its way to HQ and the NMRA is taken care of. Now what is the deal with region dues? How much? Who gets the check? What's his address???

A) Well, if you paid \$32.00, that was the national dues. The Midwest Region has just become a dues paying region and its dues are \$6.00 per year. The region has been struggling with the lack of money for years depending upon the profit from the two conventions held each year. It hasn't been enough to even put out the Waybill newsletter which has fallen on bad times and shows it. The region has been bailed out several times by the WISE division which does pretty well with its Trainfest held in Milwaukee each year. Everyone agrees that this can't go on. Unfortunately, the region hasn't done a very good job of explaining this to the membership partly due to the erratic nature of the Waybill.

Regional dues are optional, but you won't receive any communications from the region, Waybill or otherwise, or vote in region elections unless you do become a region member. In addition, you would not be able to attend a regional convention without joining. You do not have to be a region member to be a part of the CID, but you would have to join if you were to run for a CID office.

As far as the CID is concerned, an NMRA member living within the boundaries of the CID is automatically a member of the CID. Personally, I do suggest that people join the region. The more people who become members and actively interested in the region, the better off we will be in getting the region out of the rut and doldrums that it is in.

It is interesting that I have not seen it said exactly where you should send your money if you don't join through the national for \$38.00. My renewal said nothing about regional dues last year, but I paid it anyway through the national. You would send your MWR dues money to:

Treasurer: Dave Liesse
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I will have MWR membership applications available at the Danville Meet or you may contact me and I'll send you one. (See address elsewhere on this page.) You can also just send it directly to Dave Liesse, but be sure to include your name, address and NMRA member number.

Roger Hensley

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Paymaster Frank Hermanek running for National Trustee

Upcoming Spring Midwest Convention to be held in the CID.

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CID MEMBER ROGER HENSLEY BECOMES NMRA WEBMASTER!

NMRA Awards to Web Site Volunteers

By
Rich Weyand

I am pleased to announce that the following people were awarded Meritorious Service Awards by the NMRA at the Friday Business Meeting in San Jose for their work on the NMRA web site. The Meritorious Service Award is presented by the NMRA President at the request and recommendation of a department head or committee chair. The nominees have all done substantial work on the NMRA web site or support activities (such as the email lists), since the beginning of the Internet Presence proposal in the fall of 1994.

Stan Ames	John Balogh
Vance Bass	Mark Borchers
Mike Davison	Dan Dawdy
Mark L. Evans	Dick Greatorex
Roger Hensley	Steve Knowles
Mark Johnson	Doug Menke
Jack Pettee	Paul Rivers
Joe Russ	John Shaw
Eric Schnoebelen	Don Wells

Both Bob Waller and myself were not included, having been previously cited for our efforts.

Additionally, Jack Pettee and Dan Dawdy were awarded Volunteer's Awards for their over-and-above-the-call efforts to automate access to the Administration department via the web site. The Volunteer's Award is awarded annually in recognition of the individual who achieves the most in support of the NMRA from a volunteer position during the year. Jack and Dan share this year's award.

Please join me in congratulating these people on their well-deserved rewards, and thanking them for their outstanding service to the Association and to the hobby of model railroading.

Rich Weyand, Chairman
NMRA's Internet Presence Committee

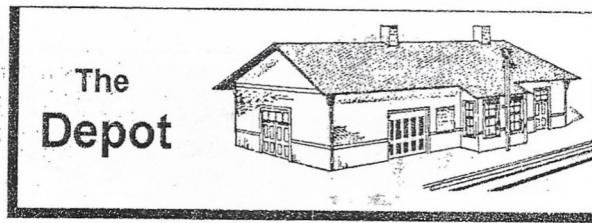
In additional news, It was announced earlier, that effective with the August 4th Friday Business Meeting, Assistant NMRA Webmaster Roger Hensley was appointed to the position of NMRA Webmaster.

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Announcement of the CID 2001 Auction

Huge Model Railroad Show at Terre Haute National Guard Armory on Saturday, November 4, 2000

The Pike Registry is back! Actually, it never went away but while the search was going on for a new Chairman, the Registry became inactive temporarily.



Modeling, friends and things...

I'd like to tell you that I have spent the summer working on my railroad, that the switches to the tracks to my new grain elevator have all been converted to ground throws. I'd like to tell you much more, but I can't. Somehow, the summer has slipped away and I have done almost no modeling at all. Nada! Zip! Zero! All projects depend on the others and I haven't been able to get to any of them. I can take my pick; there are enough to last for some time. Oh, I now have everything I need to continue. All of the pieces and parts are on hand. I just can't get back downstairs!

Well, then, just what have I been doing? A few minutes ago, I e-mailed the Meet and Convention schedule to *MR*, *RMC*, *N.M.R.A. Bulletin*, *Model RR News* and the *MWR Waybill*. That's how we get our activities and events listed in the magazines. In the case of the *N.M.R.A. Bulletin*, it has to be in 90 to 120 days before publication. Let's see, there has also been work on the Hoosier Connection advertising along with Larry Gilbert, other spring convention arrangements, and keeping the web pages up to date for the big rush of visitors when our mailing goes out. Hmmm, a couple of *Spikes* and board meetings with minutes to take, type and send out and I always seem to be late with that.

Lest you think that this is a general complaint session, it isn't (cleaned that up, didn't I). Good things are happening in both the division and the national. As I was updating the Honors page on the *N.M.R.A.* web site, I couldn't help but notice that the names there read like a 'Who's Who' in the hobby both living and deceased. We model in good company, Folks. You should stop by the *N.M.R.A.* home page and take a look at the Honors List. What really caught my eye was two people from the CID that I was privileged to have known. Bill and Irene Litten who had both received the *N.M.R.A.* **President's Award**. I remember both Bill and Irene fondly. Bill had no scenery except the farm that Irene made and put on the railroad. However, Bill did have the largest collection of Billboard Beer refers that I had ever seen. His layout pretty much filled a 2-car (2 1/2?) garage, with barely room for a car. They had both been very active volunteers at *N.M.R.A.* HQ when it was in Indianapolis.

Bill was the person who taught me what it meant to be a railfan. We were on a layout tour in Anderson in the early 80s. Bill was driving and there were three or four of us in the car with him. Just north of town, Bill pulled up onto a railroad track, stopped and then looked both ways to see if anything was coming! Must be a railfan. I've caught myself doing the same thing!

What else is new? Well, I could mention the Pike Registry, but I already gave it page seven. Yes the ECI is registered as number 87-091. I'll have to revise my Pike Ad in the *Spike* to show that. I first registered it in 1987. I do have it on my e-Pass. "E-Pass? Did the man say e-Pass? What on earth is an e-Pass?" Yes, I said e-Pass. It is a form of exchanging passes just as you see in the *N.M.R.A. Bulletin* Pass Exchange. I have an electronic or virtual pass that I send out or exchange. The Pass Exchange web page is currently being revised to better explain the program and will feature the e-Pass as well as the printed one. See, things do change. Programs are upgraded.

Lastly, I do want to mention that Monday, September 25th, I was home ill when I heard the CSX dispatcher talking to the 'Circus Train' that was waiting just north of the CSX main in Anderson. As it was now coming south and on the move, I grabbed my new digital camera and positioned myself in the best spot I could nearby. I backed up against a warehouse near the tracks and shot the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus train on the move in the rain as it went south to Indy. As I found out later, there were some 55 cars in that train and that friends, is impressive. Some of the photos can be seen on my *Railroads of Madison County* web site at: <http://madisonrails.railfan.net/> Abba, babba, babba da, th, That's All Folks!

Roger

cid.railfan.net/connect.html



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Huge article about National reorganizing their departments

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National Trustee Jack Pettee article about NMRA National Webpage

Calling for Volunteers! Midwest Region Convention here this Spring

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So, who won the election for Trainmaster?

In one of the closest elections in recent memory, Bob Morrison and Mike Nicoletti were elected to two-year terms as Trainmaster on the CID Board.

Bob is currently servicing as CID Clinic Chair and Mike is our Photo Contest Chair and has recently volunteered for the position of Unloading/Loading Manager at the CID Meets. Although Bill Myers will no longer be a voting member of the board, he will continue as AP Chair.

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MUSEUM DEDICATION AND TRI REGIONAL CONVENTION

Museum Dedication

Indiana's newest railroad exhibit, The Depot at the John Hay Center in Salem, will be dedicated during the community's Old Settlers' Day in September. The Depot is an exhibit commemorating the role Salem residents played in the organization in 1847 of the New Albany & Salem Rail Road, which later became the Monon.

The exhibit is housed in a 5400-square foot replica of the Monon's Salem depot. The Depot was built from the original plans, but enlarged and modified to make it more suitable as a museum. Under construction in

the basement is a 15x60-foot HO scale model railroad that depicts the Monon through Washington County in the 1950s and 1960s. The Depot is expected to open to the public by July. The dedication will take place Saturday, Sept. 22, at 9 a.m., as one of the opening activities for Old Settlers' Days.

Speaker for the 30-minute dedication ceremony is Frank VanBree, president of the Monon Railroad Historical-Technical Society. Entertainment will be by a quartet singing songs from the Monon's Centennial album.

Cecil Smith

**North East Hoosier Division 3 to Host Annual NCR/Tri-Region Convention
(NCR-MWR-MCR)**

The NMRA NCR Division 3 based in the Ft. Wayne, Indiana area is hosting their first NCR convention in almost 17 years on October 26-28, 2001! They are pulling out the stops with plans for 3+ days of activities. This will be a convention combining three regions, with invitations to members of the Midwest Region and the Mid Central Region.

Nationally known clinicians such as Tony Koester, David Frary and Dr. Bruce Chubb will be sharing their knowledge and experience with us. Operating sessions on several area layouts are planned for the Thursday evening before the convention begins. On Friday, at least two prototype tours are planned. Friday night's clinics are scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. followed by slides til dawn. Saturday has more clinics in the a.m. and layout tours beginning in the p.m. Our banquet is Saturday evening with an auction immediately following. On Sunday, we'll have more clinics and more layout tours, and...

One of the highlights of this convention will be an opportunity for attendees to be the engineer operating the 25 ton switcher at the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society, home of the 765 NKP Berkshire. For a mere \$25, our convention guests will be given the opportunity to pilot the switcher. Plans are to take groups of three at a time with each operator at the throttle for 15 minutes. The one hour session also includes an overview of engine maintenance, safety procedures and instructions on the operation of the switcher. These sessions will take place throughout the convention, beginning on Saturday and lasting through Sunday.

More information about the convention, the Ft. Wayne area and hotel reservations may be found on the web at: <http://nmradiv3.railarchives.com> or write or email the convention co-chair Chuck White at 6418 Midchannel Way, Ft. Wayne, IN 46845-9412 (219) 482-7930 e-mail: cwhite8357@aol.com.

Pettee Resigns as MWR Trustee

Jack Pettee, Midwest Region Trustee has resigned his position due to health considerations. Jack is one of the good guys who has worked very hard for the NMRA and its members. His articles have appeared in the *Spike* several times as he passed along information that he felt we should know.

Speaking now as a friend, I would much rather see Jack step down now and return to family and his modeling than to continue and ruin his health. Many thanks for all that you have done for us. It has been appreciated

Roger

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Bill Myers, a long-time, AP Chairman of the AP, will continue on as CID AP Chairman, but now is also the AP Chairman for the Midwest Region.

SPECIAL ISSUE FOR UPCOMING ELECTION 2002

BIOGRAPHIES of those CID Members running this coming election on next several pages:

Biography of Bill Myers Trainmaster, C.I.D.

I have been around trains so long I probably smell like coal smoke and would have cinders in my hair permanently, if I had any hair. I have been serving the CID in some position for about twelve years. I am running for Trainmaster because I want to continue to help promote the hobby and the division, and recruit some younger people to help do the work so we who have served in the past can have some more fun at this business.

So far, the only scale I have missed in modeling is S-Scale. Have no plans for that, but who knows. I now have Z and N Scales, a little O (On30) some Lionel and AF around here somewhere.

Bill Myers

Bill Myers is running for a first term as Trainmaster.

Bill is currently serving the C.I.D. as Achievement Program Chairman and has been appointed Achievement Program Chairman of the Midwest Region.

He has also brought a variety of layouts to C.I.D. Meets from N Scale to G Scale, On30 and now a layout in a briefcase Z Scale.

Biography of Jim Wilhite Trainmaster, C.I.D.

I have been a member of the NMRA and the CID for 32 years, and have just become a life member. I have served the CID in various offices including Superintendent. I had one term as MWR vice president, and have chaired four MWR conventions in our division.

I wish to continue as a Trainmaster in my present capacity of Membership Chairman. I believe the purpose of the organization is to foster the exchange of ideas and information about the hobby, and promote fellowship for maximum enjoyment for all members.

Jim Wilhite

Jim Wilhite is Past Superintendent of the C.I.D. and has given numerous clinics at N.M.R.A. Meets and Conventions at all levels.

He may be found assisting with Model Contest judging and generally filling in anywhere he is needed.

BIOGRAPHIES of those CID Members continued:

Biography of Roger Hensley Trainmaster, C.I.D.

I have been married to my wife Carolyn (Lynn) for 32 years and we have nine grown children. One son attends Ball State University. I am an Information Systems Specialist specializing in MS Access and software training. I have lived in Anderson all of my life except for my four years in the U.S. Navy as an Electronics Technician.

I was given a Marx 027 set at an early age, saw my first HO early in the 50s and laid it all aside until the early 70s when I built a 4x8 layout for my sons. I joined the N.M.R.A. in 1980 at the suggestion of a close friend and modeler, Lou Shapiro. I owned the Train Shop here at that time. I model in HO scale and have a layout in a small area in my basement. I have been C.I.D. Chief Clerk, and am the Rusty Spike Editor and C.I.D. Webmaster. You have seen me at Meets setting up the computer show and literature table.

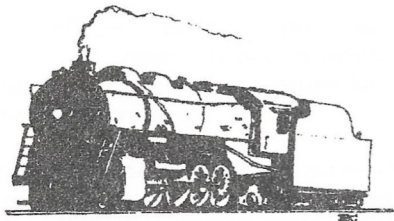
I am a member of the Midwest Region Internet Committee, Chair of the N.M.R.A. Internet Presence Committee, NMRA Webmaster and the N.M.R.A. Technical Committee as Standards and Recommended Practices page manager.

In supporting the N.M.R.A., I feel that I am returning something to the hobby. I also believe that model railroading is and should be fun and that the techniques and fun can be shared with others through the resources of the N.M.R.A.

Roger Hensley

Roger is completing his second term as Chief Clerk of the Central Indiana Division and is running for Trainmaster.

See his ECI HO layout on the C.I.D. web site layout pages at: http://cid.railfan.net/eci_new.html



Biography of Trevor Jones Trainmaster, C.I.D.

I am seeking election as Trainmaster having served as Module Chairman [appointed] for the last term. Since 1976, when I first brought my British N scale layout to an NMRA meet in the semi-derelict Union Station, I have grown in the hobby through friendships with the best modellers and nicest people you could wish to meet - the members of the Central Indiana Division. Their help has enabled me to achieve a Golden Spike Award and 2 Best In Shows at GATS. It has been my goal to seek out portable layouts for our meets and I am proudest that we were able to have 9 fine layouts on site at Hoosier Connection 2001. If elected I will continue to promote portable layouts as a window for the public onto this great hobby.

Trevor Jones

Trevor is completing his second term as appointed Affiliate Trainmaster, and is running for election as Trainmaster.

You may see photos of his railroad on the C.I.D. web site at <http://cid.railfan.net/>

Biography of Charles F. Malinowski Trainmaster, C.I.D.

I have been a member of the NMRA since December 1998. My membership has helped me develop new friendships, attend local, regional and national NMRA events, enhance my modeling skills and give back something to this great hobby of ours. Part of giving back has been displaying my A-Door-Able HO layout at various shows to encourage young and old alike to jump-in to model railroading.

It has also been a privilege to serve as Trainmaster and participate in the in C.I.D.'s hosting of the regional convention last spring. I kindly ask for your vote to allow me to continue serving as Trainmaster for another two-year term. Thank you.

Charles F. Malinowski

Charles is completing his first term as Trainmaster and is running for re-election.

His A-Door-Able HO layout on a door has been seen at most of our Meets and in our GATS shows.

BIOGRAPHIES of those CID Members continued:

Biography of Al Kohut Chief Clerk, C.I.D.

Having been Trainmaster for the past two years has provided me with opportunities to help with the KIT (Kids In Trains) program at the November Pike HS Lions Club Pancake Breakfast and at the recent meet in Noblesville. I have also helped out at various meets and with manning the CID booth at the last few GAT shows. One of the most challenging projects I was involved with was coordinating the Boy Scout setup of tables and chairs for the Hoosier Connection - Twenty-Oh-One - convention. However, as those of you who attended will agree all came out well.

My current layout is the most ambitious I have ever undertaken. It loosely models the area of the B & O from Cumberland, MD to Connellsville, PA (yes, steam to diesel era). Both cities had branches of the PRR thus my future operating sessions will provide ample opportunity for both B & O and PRR fans (yes - some Western Maryland in and about Cumberland too). Track has been laid in all areas except where the Connellsville roundhouse will be (just waiting for the turntable to be shipped, built, and installed). I use Digitrax DCC and the plan is to use a fast clock (I've got the clock, now I just have to find out which of my wall outlets is at 720HZ). Well, there goes the Electrical AP award.



So much for my railroading background. Even though I could use more time to work on my around the walls (with an island) 24 by 24 ft HO pike I have decided to put my hat in the ring as Chief Clerk for the CID division. As they say, "If you need something done - find a busy person."

Now, why do I feel qualified to be Clerk? Part of my job at Roche Diagnostics for the past 18 years has been writing training programs and delivering the same to Medical Technologists. So I know I have the technical and organizational skills. And I have the desire to do a good job.

I leave it to you and thank you for your vote as to whether or not I am to be the next Chief Clerk for the CID.

Al Kohut

Al is completing his first term as Trainmaster and is unopposed for Chief Clerk..

Biography of Frank J. Hermanek Paymaster, C.I.D.

Married to wife June for 40+ years; seven (7) children, twelve (12) grandchildren. Native New Yorker, resides on Indianapolis' Westside, favors the LIRR, models GN rolling stock. Retired from Praxair Thermal Spray Products as Mgr., Application Engineering. Academic background Metallurgical Engineering.

Began model railroading in 1947 running pre-WWII American Flyer O gauge tinplate. Switched over to HO shortly thereafter. College and family drew me away from the hobby for over thirty-(30) years, returned in the early '80s. Enjoy scratch building and kitbashing. Prefer working with wood and metal. Currently planning and building the Imperial Valley Railroad.

Joined the NMRA in 1988, active in the C.I.D. since 1995.. Appointed Paymaster in 1997, elected in 1998. Participated in the ad hoc Committee to rewrite the CID constitution; have set up and run the Division's Annual Meet at Danville, Indiana. Active participant in modeling contests (including the National level) and am a frequent clinic contributor.

The NMRA represents many things-standards, publications, and organization. But to me, the primary objective in belonging to the NMRA is camaraderie - fostering an acknowledgment of each other and a sharing of talents. A space to grow in and expand oneself; leaning, learning and building on what others offer. A place to receive AND give recognition and rediscover enthusiasm. It is also an opportunity to give back. As we are indebted to others for what we have achieved we are likewise indebted to give back some of which we've received. And, not necessarily the "same-old", "same-old". It should be a "new, shiny improved" version, bigger and better. We owe it, and when we do, do it, we ought to be having fun along the way. For me the N.M.R.A. is the way to go.

I wish to continue as your Paymaster because it provides me an opportunity to contribute while helping to direct the Division in fiscal responsibility.

Frank Hermanek

Frank is completing his second term as Paymaster of the Central Indiana Division and is unopposed for re-election.

He has presented Clinics at the C.I.D. Meets and won awards at the National Convention with his HO Imperial Valley RS1 and Consolodation.

BIOGRAPHIES of those CID Members continued:

Biography of Larry Gilbert Superintendent, C.I.D.

I have been CID Assistant Superintendent for the past 4 years and before that I was a Trainmaster for 3 years. I have been an NMRA member since 1994 and got involved with the Central Indiana Division about the time that the INDY 95 Midwest Region Spring Convention was being put together.

I model in N-scale and am in the process of constructing a new layout in a 10.5 X 15 room built especially for my model RR. The CEE Line (my railroad) is a totally freelanced model railroad serving the length of Indiana from Chicago to Evansville through Emporia. Since it is a freelance RR I can run on it whatever the heck pleases me and if you are not happy with that then you could be asked to leave my empire.

My wife Glendia and I have been married for 30 years come May 27th. She works on the RR with me and is also an NMRA member. We have two daughters and as of yet no grandchildren (thank goodness because I am not ready).

I look forward to being able to serve you as your Division Superintendent and will try to do everything in my power to promote our Division and the good of the greatest hobby in the world.

Larry E Gilbert

Larry is completing his second term as Assistant Superintendent of the Central Indiana Division and is unopposed for election as Superintendent.

You may see some of his railroad building efforts on his website at:

<http://members.iquest.net/~leghome/>

Biography of Tom Cain Assistant Superintendent, C.I.D.

I started into Model Railroading for the second time around 1985. Just like most of us, I had trains when a youngster too. I attended my first CID meet early in the 1990's. I wanted to learn how to add numbers to the number board of a locomotive and felt that surely there would be

someone at the meet who could tell me how to accomplish this. I spent the whole day at the meet and discovered several folks who were quite willing to share the information that I needed. More importantly I discovered some really interesting and friendly folks who enjoyed talking about trains. I continue to have some of the best friendships and relationships from those who I met at this meet. And now all my locomotives have their own unique numbers!

Shortly after that meet, I started attending CID Board Meetings. I eventually became a Trainmaster and helped with contest judging. For a few years I served as the Coordinator for CID Meet clinics and did several clinics myself as well. In the last couple of years I have helped to organize two Layout Tours. Organizing the 21 spots for the Hoosier Connection Twenty-oh-One was both a challenge and real treat. I was able to see all the layouts but one. Currently I am doing the contest judging at CID meets. It really is a neat job, as I get to take the closest look at all of the models submitted. It is also a challenge as we have some really exceptional modelers who enter the contests on a regular basis. On a personal level I model the Santa Fe railroad and enjoy collecting and building models of both the diesel/steam transition era and modern equipment. I am in the process of planning and building my third layout since we have moved to a new home.

I really enjoy the local level activity of the NMRA and the Central Indiana Division has to be one of the best around. I would be happy and willing to serve as the Assistant Superintendent of the CID. It would provide more opportunities to find ways to continue encouraging the hobby of model railroading and encouraging the special people of our division to share their talents with others.

Thomas H. Cain

Tom was Elected Trainmaster in 1996 and 1998 and was appointed Affiliate Trainmaster in 2000 and 2001. He is unopposed for election as Assistant Superintendent.



Super Sez

by **Bill Litkenhous**



Farewell as your Super

I have now handed the throttle of the Central Indiana Division to our new Superintendent, Larry Gilbert. As I reflect on the past four years several things come to mind, especially the friendship of the board of directors and of the members of the division. Without the help of all these people, the division would not run. Several new programs have been started during my term in office. I am not taking credit for any of them, just noting that they started during my term of office.

We had a very successful regional convention in Noblesville during April of 2001. There was a good selection of clinics and many outstanding layouts on tour. The layout displays and train show were excellent.

We have reinstated the annual meeting, which is held at the spring meet each year. Our bylaws require this meeting, but the most important thing about this meeting is the opportunity to inform the membership of what is happening in the division.

We have started KIT, a new clinic to involve youngsters in model railroading. This program, chaired by Bob Morrison has been well received and some of the other divisions have expressed an interest in this clinic.

And there is an increased activity in the NMRA Achievement Program thanks to the enthusiasm of Bill Myers, our new regional AP chairman. There have been more Golden Spike awards and AP certificates awarded in the last few months than there were in any similar period that I can remember.

Our train shows continue to be a strong attraction, starting with Bedford and the Pike Township shows in the fall, Noblesville in the winter and Danville in the spring and of course our annual summer activity. Our booth at the two GATS Shows each year continues to generate interest and new members in the NMRA.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite each and every one of you to become more involved in the CID. If you have a particular skill of interest consider preparing a clinic to give other members the benefit of your knowledge. If you are interested in the operation of the CID consider running for the Board of Directors or one of the offices. We always need members interested in helping to keep the division running.

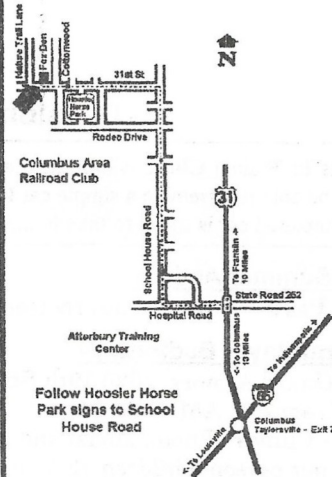
I have enjoyed serving as superintendent and am looking forward to continuing to work with the Division. I also would like to say the Model Railroading and the friends I have acquired through model railroading have kept me going through some of the rough periods I had last year. Model Railroading is FUN!

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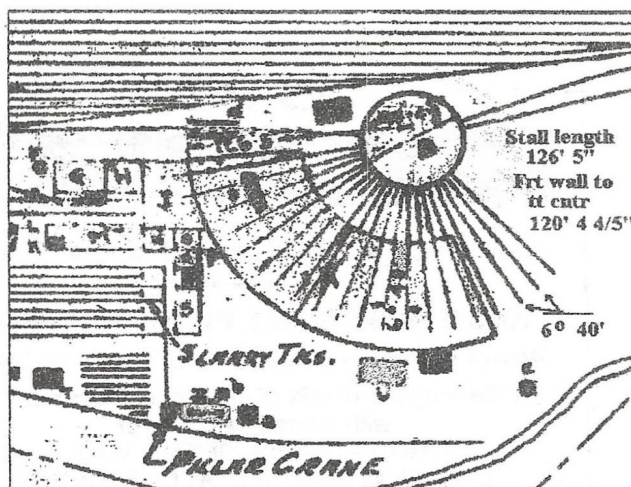
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2002 Volume 32 Number 6 Nov-Dec Certificate of Appreciation

Former Supt. Bill Litkenhous received a **Certificate of Appreciation** for his years of service as Supt. to the CID. This happened in Bedford where Bill was also given a birthday cake and had Happy Nboirthday sung to him by others Members present.

2002 Volume 32 Number 6 Nov-Dec NMRA PRESIDENT'S AWARD

**PRESENTED TO OUR OWN CID EDITOR / WEBMASTER / NMRA
Webmaster**

ROGER HENSLEY

Hensley Honored

NMRA President Allen Pollock honored Roger Hensley at the National Convention at Ft. Lauderdale with the presentation of the NMRA President's Award for service with the Internet Presence Committee and as NMRA Webmaster.

Hensley has been active with the Internet Presence Committee since October of 1994 when the NMRA On-line Task Force was formed by a number of volunteers wishing to see the NMRA have a presence on the World Wide Web. The NMRA Board of Trustees formalized the committee into the IPC in 1995.

Hensley, who had been Assistant Webmaster since July 2001, became NMRA Webmaster and IPC Chair with the retirement of Rich Weyand, the first Webmaster and Chair, in January 2002.

2003 Volume 33

No significant events, awards, deaths or MAJOR NMRA news in the Rusty Spikes throughout 2003. However, the Division was full of events and activities!

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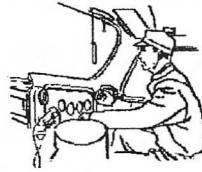
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The Midwest Region Convention is being held in Lake Junction, Wisconsin at the Quality Inn.

Call for donated items to be used in Auction in Noblesville

The 2005 National Convention will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio

Super Sez
by **Larry Gilbert**



Ambassador Program

The Board of Directors for the CID is trying to get more people involved with CID. We are considering starting an Ambassadors program. What we are hoping this will do is give us more people at the ground level to answer questions, help fellow modelers, develop work/discussion groups and promote good will throughout the Division.

We would like to divide the Division into geographic areas to be determined by the Ambassadors and the Ambassador Coordinator. We will need someone from each area of the Division (maybe the general INDY area, Evansville, Terre Haute, Columbus and wherever else YOU think one would be useful) to be an ambassador and a general coordinator. If you would like to help with program please contact one of the Trainmasters or me Your Super (see page 2).

The changes at the National Organization level are starting to begin. As they proceed with their changes we will most likely wait until they have theirs all in place so we can change the way we operate here in the CID. I am looking forward to the changes because all of the new rules and regulations have to make us a more efficient and responsive organization, which has been needed for years.

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. I wish you all the best in the coming year.

*Your CID Super
Larry*

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2005 Volume 34 Number 3 Summer 2005 **Tom Duffy: N Scale Layout Winner!!!**



Middlefork Branch Awarded

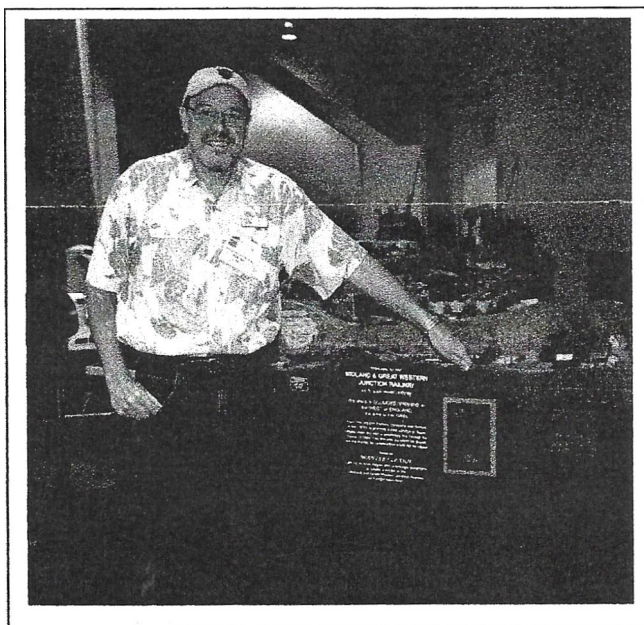
Meet Tom Duffy, the Winner of the Middlefork Branch N scale project layout. The layout was delivered April 13, 2005 by Matt Hewitt and Roger Hensley.

Tom came to Indiana from the Louisville area and settled near New Castle. He has been acting as Mentor to a young man who came to an interest in model railroading on his own.

Tom hopes to continue working with the young man and have the two of them take Middlefork to the various Libraries in Henry County on one of their monthly 'Reading Nights'. They plan to dress in railroad worker style and give talks on railroading and model railroading and operating the Middlefork Branch for those present.

Photo by Matt Hewitt.

2005 Volume 34 Number 3 Sept – Oct Trevor Wins Awards in Cincy!



Trevor Jones wins Awards at Cincy

Trevor Jones' N Scale modular layout, **Midland and Great Western**, picked up two awards at the NMRA Cincinnati convention.

He was awarded the International Hobby Corp *Pizzazz Award* for "eye appeal", and the 2nd place in NMRA *Individual Module*.

Way to go Trevor!!

THANK YOU TO ROGER HENSLEY!!! Understatement of all time. He really brought the Rusty Spike into the 21st Century. The Rusty Spike SIGNIFICANTLY improved under Roger. I, John Coy, while writing the CID History in 2025 was VERY APPRECIATIVE of Roger's Upgrades, Content and effort.

2006 Volume 35 Number 1 Jan-Feb NEW EDITOR KEITH CLARK

(Spoiler Alert!!!) Keith Clark served as Editor of the Rusty Spike from January of 2006 until and through December of 2024. Eighteen Years as Editor, which is and was an outstanding accomplishment. Keith is the RECORD HOLDER FOR TENURE and there isn't a close second. He stands alone.

A Crew Change

By Keith Clark

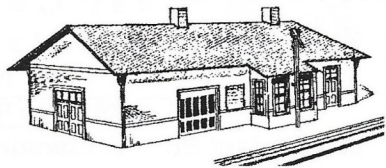


You may have noticed that the Rusty Spike has a new editor starting with this issue. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and explain the change in the Spike leadership. My name is Keith Clark; I reside in Bloomington, Indiana, and have been a member of the NMRA/MWR/CID for 25 years. In recent years, I have become more involved with the CID and its operation including currently serving on the Board of Directors as a Trainmaster.

I decided to volunteer to take on the editor position to allow Roger Hensley a chance to catch his breath. Besides being the editor of the Spike for the last ten years, he is the CID webmaster and contributes to the group in many other ways.

I had heard him mention that it might be time for him to take a break from some of his duties. After looking at ways I might help the division, I volunteered to take over as Spike editor. Roger was somewhat hesitant at first as I think he felt he would be parting with something close to his heart. But then he said "I looked in the mirror and saw gray hairs popping out, this might be a good time for a change."

The
Depot



I want to make sure that everyone is aware that I did not offer to take over because I was disappointed in the publication and wanted to make major changes. Nothing could be farther from the truth. During Roger's time as editor, the Spike has been a publication of superior quality and something that the CID could be very proud of. He will remain on as publisher until we can work out other arrangements for printing. I am certain all of you would like to join with me in giving a huge "THANK YOU" to Roger for all the work he has put into the Spike. I look forward to his help in this period of transition.

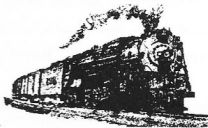
Since this is seemingly a large task to take on, please do not expect to see any changes to the publication format. At least not for a while (it is hard to tamper with something that is darn good to start with anyway). However, on that note, the CID Board of Directors has given its okay to expand issues by two pages when we have more articles than can fit into the usual ten pages. I would like to take

this opportunity to invite you to contribute your writings to the Spike. This could be a great opportunity for those of you who are pursuing certificates in the NMRA Achievement Program to get publishing points. If you have thoughts about model railroading, modeling information you would like to share, or have something you think would be of interest to the division members, please send it to be published.

I am thrilled to be serving as the editor of the Rusty Spike and continuing the tradition of what I believe is an excellent publication. I will do my best to fill these big shoes that Roger has given me.

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Biography of Tom Cain Superintendent, C.I.D.

My name is Thomas Cain and I have been involved with model trains for over 20 years as an adult and even more than that when you include my childhood love for trains. I did many of the typical train things, as I had an American Flyer train first, then an HO train layout when I was a little older. Now I am building my third layout and will talk to you about it anytime that you want.

In fact, if you like, you can go to my modest little website to see pictures of my work at:
<http://home.comcast.net/~atsf93/wsb/html/view.cgi-home-.html>

I have been a member of the NMRA since 1992. I became involved in the Central Indiana Division of the NMRA shortly after that time. As much as I value our national organization, I am thrilled about the activities and involvement of our local CID organization. We have some very talented and dedicated Board members and it would be a pleasure to guide the CID as its Superintendent into the next few years. Our current Board has regularly identified new areas to promote model railroading and has introduced model railroading to many residents of Central Indiana. Our participation in the "By Air, By Rail" festival this summer and the 2nd Annual Train meet at the Carmel Public Library are two examples of our Board's achievements. I can in no way take any credit for those accomplishments. I would, however, look forward to helping this Board continue these activities and find additional activities to promote the hobby of model railroading. I do not always see myself as an innovator, but I do see myself as a person who has talents in encouraging others to try new things and supporting others in their interests.

If elected to the Office of Superintendent of the CID, I would like to increase our membership involvement at the Board level. We are currently planning to co-host a regional meet in the year 2007 and that activity will require additional involvement from CID members in addition to our current Board. We are also seriously considering a

bid for a National Convention and this will require additional volunteer help beyond our current Board. This is an exciting time for our hobby and an exciting time for model railroading in Central Indiana.

Tom Cain

Tom Cain is running for a first term as elected Superintendent.

Biography of Al Kohut Asst. Superintendent, C.I.D.

Even though I could use more time to work on my around the walls (with an island) 24 by 24 ft HO pike I have put that on hold as my house is for sale. Basically the only projects I have going are my duties as Chief Clerk of the CID and my operating sessions with a great bunch of guys.

My current layout loosely models the area of the B&O from Cumberland, MD to Connellsville, PA (yes, steam to diesel era - 1953). I also have ample PRR and Western Maryland trackage around those cities to keep things interesting for my operators during my operating sessions. The layout provides opportunities for mainline and branch running with plenty of switching. And, my favorite, numerous coal trains. I use a fast clock during operating sessions and sometimes stop it while we get the trains back on schedule. I'd bet the real RRs would like to be able to do that!!!

I write the Year Was articles for the Rusty Spike and take pictures at meets and on tours. Many of those pictures have appeared on the NMRA and CID Web Sites thanks to Roger Hensley, the Webmaster for both sites. Anyway, having been Chief Clerk of the CID for the past four years and a Trainmaster for the prior two has provided me with many opportunities to understand the various processes by which the Division, the Midwest Region and the N.M.R.A. itself function.

I really believe I can do a good job as your Assistant Superintendent. I not only want to be
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Al Kohut Bio (continued)

the Assistant Superintendent to further serve the CID but I want to continue having contact with all the great guys in the CID, be they board members, operators of my layout or members I talk to at the meets in our entire region.

I encourage you to vote in the upcoming election. And, I encourage you to consider running for office in future elections.

Al Kohut

Al Kohut is running for his first term as Assistant Superintendent.

Biography of Frank Hemanek Paymaster, C.I.D.

Married to wife June for 40+ years; seven (7) children, twelve (12) grandchildren. Native New Yorker, resides on Indianapolis' Westside, favors the LIRR, models GN rolling stock. Retired from Praxair Thermal Spray Products as Mgr., Application Engineering. Academic background Metallurgical Engineering.

Began model railroading in 1947 running pre-WWII American Flyer O gauge tinplate. Switched over to HO shortly thereafter. College and family drew me away from the hobby for over thirty-(30) years, returned in the early '80s. Enjoy scratch building and kit bashing. Prefer working with wood and metal. Currently planning and building the Imperial Valley Railroad.

Joined the NMRA in 1988, active in the CID since 1995. Appointed Paymaster in 1997, elected in 1998. Participated in the ad hoc Committee to rewrite the CID constitution; have set up and run the Division's Annual Meet at Danville, Indiana. Active participant in modeling contests (including the National level) and am a frequent clinic contributor. I achieved the status of Master Model Railroader, becoming MMR #360 in the fall of 2005.

The NMRA represents many things - standards,

publications, and organization. But to me, the primary objective in belonging to the NMRA is camaraderie - fostering an acknowledgement of each other and a sharing of talents. A space to grow in and expand oneself; leaning, learning and building on what others offer. A place to receive AND give recognition and rediscover enthusiasm. It is also an opportunity to give back. As we are indebted to others for what we have achieved we are likewise indebted to give back some of which we've received. And, not necessarily the "same-old", "same-old". It should be a "new, shiny improved" version, bigger and better. We owe it, and when we do, do it, we ought to be having fun along the way. For me the NMRA is the way to go.

I wish to continue as your Paymaster because it provides me an opportunity to contribute while helping to direct the Division in fiscal responsibility.

Frank Hemanek

Frank Hermanek is running for his 5th term as Paymaster

Biography of Steve Studley Clerk, C.I.D.

Model trains have been a part of my life for 55 years of my 57 and a half years - I figure the first two and a half years were wasted. Model trains have been a part of my life for 55 of my 57 and a half years - I figure the first two and a half years were wasted.

My interest in trains started at age two and a half when Santa brought me a Lionel train set. That train fed my needs until junior high school when Santa's gift was in HO scale. When I was first married and living in an apartment N scale became popular. I tried modeling in N for a few years but the desire to scratchbuild won over and I moved back to HO where I continue to model.

In the mid-70's I founded the Hoosier Lines Model Railroad Club here in Bloomington. Our modular

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Steve Studley Bio (continued)

railroad, featuring handlaid track, was displayed at the Bloomington CID Meets. I presented a clinic on Basic Model Railroad Operations at the 2002 Bedford CID meet and continue to assist Keith Clark in the display of his 4X8 layout at many of the CID meets. My railroad, The Midwest Central, has been open for divisional tours as well as for "on the way home" regional, and national tours. I have earned the "Chief Dispatcher" AP certificate. Currently I am serving on the Nominating committee for the 2006 election.

The CID has been important to me for many years. I can remember attending division meets in the 70's at the Bridgeport Fire Department with not only tracks along the south side of the building but also trains on those tracks. After many years of attending meets I am now pleased to take a more active role in the CID.

I would appreciate your consideration in allowing me to serve you as Clerk of the CID

Steve Studley

Steve Studley is running for his first term as elected Clerk

Biography of Tom Fitzsimmons Trainmaster, C.I.D.

My name is Tom Fitzsimmons. My wife Gloria and I live in Fishers. I am retired from General Motors, having spent a large portion of my career in Anderson. Gloria and I have 4 grown children (Georgia, Colorado and IU). I have been in the model railroad hobby since my first memories of our Lionel trains. In my early teens I changed to HO scale which I pursued throughout high school and to a lesser extent during college. Early years of marriage brought apartment living and a change to N scale. In the early 1970's I made a fateful camping trip to Colorado which sealed my fate with narrow gauge. My HOn3 Red Mountain Northern Railroad is a early 1890's railroad situated in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado, just north of the Red Mountain mining district.

My favorite aspects of model railroading are electronics (DCC, etc.) and scenery.

I also enjoy scratch building structures and rolling stock, when time allows. I have been an NMRA member for 2 years (this time) and am interested in helping others in the hobby through participation in the leadership activities of the CID. I enjoy the fellowship and learning that comes from NMRA sponsored activities and look forward to the opportunity to serve.

Tom Fitzsimmons

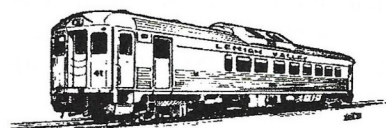
Tom Fitzsimmons is running for his first term as Trainmaster

Biography of Keith Gamble Trainmaster, C.I.D.

Greetings NMRA members and fellow model railroaders. My name is Keith Gamble; I have been a member of the NMRA for about 4 years and am currently running for Trainmaster. I have been a model railroader for 18 years and have had the pleasure of building 15 layouts and I participate in the model train shows through out central Indiana, exhibiting various layouts such as the Carbon Creek Railroad and the giant Narrow Gauge Locomotive 'LIL BOY' which made it's debut at the Carmel Library in the Fall of 2005. I am a member of the (Central Indiana Division) National Train Show planning committee working to bring the NMRA National Train Show to Indianapolis in 2012. I have always believed in giving back to the hobby and making a difference in the future of our wonderful hobby. It would be an honor to represent the members and fellow model railroaders and I ask for your vote. THANK YOU!

Keith Gamble

Keith Gamble is running for his first term as elected Trainmaster.



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Biography of Neil Thompson Trainmaster, C.I.D.

I am Neil Thompson; I live in the Speedway area. I have been an NMRA member almost all of the past half century.

I chaired the clinics and audio presentations at the National Convention in 1966. For this, I hold the Achievement Award for volunteer service. I have hosted countless clinics at division, region and national meets. I served in several CID offices during the late '60's and '70's.

I have devoted my "spare time" for the last 4 years to building my dream layout. This is my fourth layout. Recently hand laying cross tie #4000. It will be a Rocky Mountain area, free lance theme in a pre World War I time frame. This interest stems from my original home on a ranch near Yellowstone Park. This was also a rich gold mining area in the 1910-13 era.

I would enjoy joining the CID board of directors because of the camaraderie, fun and assistance the dedicated members are now doing such a great job.

Neil Thompson

Neil Thompson is running for elected Trainmaster after time away from holding elected office.

Biography of Luana Wilhite Trainmaster, C.I.D.

I have been a C.I.D. member since 1968 and I am an associate Life Member of N.M.R.A. As the C.I.D. gets ready to host the Midwest Regional Convention in Spring 2007, I would like to help as a trainmaster on the Board of Directors.

I have helped with 4 Regionals and 2 Nationals. I have been Division and Region Secretary/Clerk and Division and Regional non Rail Chairman. I have worked the National Convention Company store, the National Photo Contest and Auctions at the Divisional, Regional, and National level. I

have been Division Paymaster, I have worked admissions at Division and Regional meets and have worked the division dinning car. I have given clinics at Division, Regional and National Conventions and meets. I have helped put the Rusty Spike out. I hold NMRA achievement certificates as Association Volunteer and Official.

My husband, Jim, and I used to own LaBelle Woodworking and have seen model railroading from the kit manufacturer's viewpoint.

I'd like to put all this experience to work on the Division behalf as a trainmaster.

Luana Wilhite

Luana Wilhite is running for her first term as elected Trainmaster.

Proposed Constitution Change C.I.D. Annual Meeting

The Central Indiana Division will be holding its Annual Meeting on April 23, 2006, at 10:30am, at Danville, Indiana. At that meeting, members will be voting on a proposed change to the constitution. Members of the C.I.D. are to be informed of the proposed changes at least 6 weeks prior to the change being voted on. The changes are presented here for review. Page six (back of this page) of the C.I.D. ballot mailer contains the proposed change. The proposed constitutional change is Article III, Government, and this change is shown in italics. There is also a small change in the By Laws that will be explained to members at meeting and is not presented here.

Keith Clark

Biography of Brad Philbrick Trainmaster, C.I.D.

As a child I always loved to watch trains, and although it frustrated my father, I was happy when the crossing gates went down so that I could see a train roll by. I grew up having only my Lionel O27 train set and was envious of my friend who had a large HO layout of the Great Northern, the two of us spent many times together on that great layout.

That love of trains has always been with me although I never pursued the hobby. Finally, three ago now, the smoldering cinders broke out into flame and I decided to get started in the world's greatest hobby and begin to build my own layout. The layout is an Indiana layout in the mid fifties of the Illinois Central Indianapolis Division, more commonly referred to as the "High-Dry." The N scale layout shall include the Tulip Trestle, the Palestine Illinois yard and McDoel yard in Bloomington, Indiana.

I currently am self-employed as a distributor and manufacturer's representative of biomedical research apparatus. While having a B.S. degree in pharmacy from North Dakota State University, I

found medical research and biophysics to be more interesting than being a pharmacist.

I have been in sales management prior to starting my own company, and continue to lead other manufacturer's representatives in symposiums and consortiums. I have served as president and several other leadership roles in volunteer organizations and my church affiliation.

This great hobby has offered me great friendships, support, and tutoring. My wish is to be able to give back and serve the CID, sustaining the CID, and promoting this "hobby of a lifetime."

Brad Philbrick

Brad Philbrick is running for his first term as elected Trainmaster

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END OF ELECTION BIO SECTION.

**On Becoming an
NMRA Master Model Railroader**

By Frank J. Hermanek, MMR #360

I guess by now many of you have read in the NMRA Bulletin that I have been recognized as Master Model Railroader #360. I did this by completing a list of Achievement Program requirements, which included earning a total of seven AP certificates with at least one in each of four categories. These include: (1) RR Equipment; (2) RR Setting; (3) RR Construction and Operation; and, (4) Service to the Hobby and the NMRA.

If you read my Bulletin biosketch you'll note that I've been a model railroader for a long time. Even as a teenager I recognized what the NMRA meant to the hobby and wanted to belong. But a working teenager making a half-a-buck an hour couldn't afford the dues and still have money to buy kits and build a layout. College, marriage and a family came first and it wasn't until the mid-eighties that I was back into modeling. But I was a loner. There were no neighbors or co-workers interested in the hobby. I was apprehensive about joining a club - didn't know anybody, so I opted to fulfill my teenage dream and joined the NMRA.

When I joined the NMRA I didn't know there was an Achievement Program nor did I ever think to participate. A job change and a move to Indy turned all that around. I had been to several CID Meets and admired the workmanship of models entered for model judging; and, as I had been scratchbuilding and superdetailing some old wood kits I thought it "would be fun to see how my efforts would stand up". I brought four models to the 1995 Regional in Anderson and earned AP Merit Awards for three of the models and an overall award for Best Novice. I tell you this because if I can do it so can you. You've got to want to do it and you've got to enjoy doing it. It's gotta be fun. While at that meet, Jim Wilhite, happened to note that "that guy's Master Modeler material". Be careful who you listen to. No really. Jim and the entire CID membership have been very supportive and have encouraged me in many ways. That's what the program and NMRA membership are all about - camaraderie.

AP Certificates don't come easy. To earn the Master Builder Cars Certificate I had to build eight cars of three different types. Of the eight, one was to be a passenger car and four others scratchbuilt. This took two years. As I constructed cars I took many

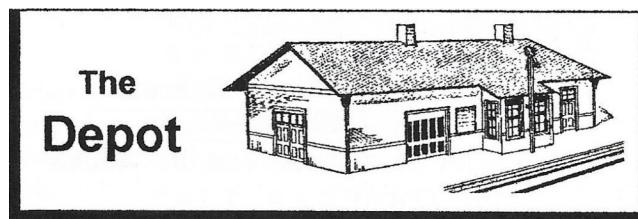
photographs and notes that assisted me earning the Author certificate in 2002. I used these as "handouts" at Clinics; wrote articles for the Spike and Waybill; and, even one that was accepted for publication by the Bulletin. An article on copper coating Zamac, prior to soldering, was published in a National Trade Publication. Articles earn points, per page, depending on their level of publication and/or venue. The year 2002 was good as I earned my Association Volunteer Certificate for efforts in assisting to organize and act as Registrar for the Noblesville Regional Meet.

While I was writing and doing volunteer work for the Division I was kitbashing a Hobbystown of Boston RS2 into a chopped nose RS1 and a Bowser H9 into an ALCO N-5a 2-8-0 Consolidation. These projects enabled me to improve my soldering and metal working skills. Both engines were judged at Division level where constructive "criticism" was implemented to improve the finished model. The RS1 and Connie both earned second place at the National level. Additionally, the diesel received the KATO *Precision Model Award* and the AP Chair's *Kitbashing Plaque*. Connie earned the Testor/Floquil *Best Locomotive Finish Award*. I tell you this to emphasize how participating in Divisional level judging enables you to hone and improve upon your modeling skills. The AP Certificate for Motive Powder requires the construction of three models one of which must be scratchbuilt; for this I built a 1923 Mack "bulldog" nose railtruck. The three models took a collective five years to build. The AP Motive Power Cert was awarded in May 2003.

By June of 2003 I received the AP Electrical Engineering Certificate. This was accomplished following directions, published in the July 1991 Bulletin, on how to construct a breadboard N scale layout that encompassed all the elements needed to satisfy the AP requirements. Again, try to make it easy while having fun.

On trips I always bring a camera along; one can never tell what one may happen across. While driving through the Amana Colonies in Iowa I spotted an old CRI&P 110 foot deck girder bridge. A perfect subject to meet the criteria required for the AP Certificate Prototype Model. The scene had to contain six models of prototype equipment or structures. This had to include four different types of models including rolling stock: RR structures; a caboose and/or passenger car; and, motive power. Two of the

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models needed to be scratchbuilt and the remainder super detailed. Using a MicroEngineering kit I built the deck girder bridge and scratchbuilt a highway bridge. Both eventually were used to meet the AP requirements for Structures. These were judged at Divisional level. The second scratchbuilt model was of a Rock Island outside braced caboose. Other rolling stock included a GN double-sheathed boxcar; an ACL "watermelon car"; and, an American Express reefer. Motive power was a super detailed Bachman Rock Island 2-8-0. Grass, trees, utility poles and other scenery details completed the scene. AP rules state that the scene must score a minimum of 87.5 points and be accompanied with pictures of the prototype area. The model complied with all AP requirements and the Certificate was awarded in June 2004.

The prototype scene had provided me with two structures so it seemed reasonable to pursue earning the AP Structures Certificate. The requirement is for twelve structures, including one bridge or trestle, I've got that, but we also need five more scratchbuilt structures and five more super detailed. Six of the models must represent different type of structures. Further, six of the twelve structures must be judged at a minimum of 87.5. Certificate number seven was awarded in November, 2005 and my MMR in the same month.

I've tried to walk you through the process of how I earned my NMRA Master Model Railroader number. It took over ten years of hard work and dedication. But it was fun and I learned a lot. This way was okay for me as I was able to pick and choose those areas that I model best. I suggest that if you decide to become a Master Modeler you do the same and above all HAVE FUN along the way.

Frank J. Hermanek
MMR#360

FRANK HERMANEK, MMR #360...Bio which is on the NMRA MMR Website is pasted on the following page:

Frank Hermanek Earns MMR 360

My first train was an American Flyer train set that my parents purchased in New York's Bloomingdale's for \$12.95. I had wanted a Lionel train set but it was much too expensive compared to the AF set.

The train set, since it cost so much in those post-Depression years, only came out of the closet at Christmas and was run for only two weeks. This practice continued until we moved out of the city to Long Island, where our next-door neighbor was a conductor for the LIRR. His son, Tim, and I became great friends. Since Tim had a Lionel layout in his basement, I just had to have one, too. So, when I was in the seventh grade, I became a model railroader and even scratchbuilt an all-wood "steel" gondola.

Since Tim's dad worked for the LIRR, we could ride the train free and even be up front with the engineer in the electrified cab. We would go to the big city and visit the Gilbert Hall of Science

and the Lionel showroom – within walking distance of each other. Visits to Gilbert hooked me on HO and the transition was made.

In about 1950 I built my first HO-scale layout, the Imperial Valley Railroad. It was a double-track oval on a plywood sheet. A Scintilla rectifier provided power to run a Mantua 0-4-0 and a Varney diesel switcher. Rolling stock was either a Globe or Silver Streak, no plastic in those days. I even won an honorable-mention award in a contest sponsored by Silver Streak and had my entry displayed in the window of the local hobby shop – my interest in the hobby heightened.

The trains were put aside as I went off to college and then marriage. When we bought our first home I thought I'd finally have time to build that railroad. But seven kids and three relocations later, it hadn't happened. Like many, I stayed in touch with the hobby, occasionally buying model magazines, and I collected kits that caught my fancy. In the 1980s all of that would change.


was able to find some consulting work (I'm a metallurgist) which led to a job offer in Indianapolis.

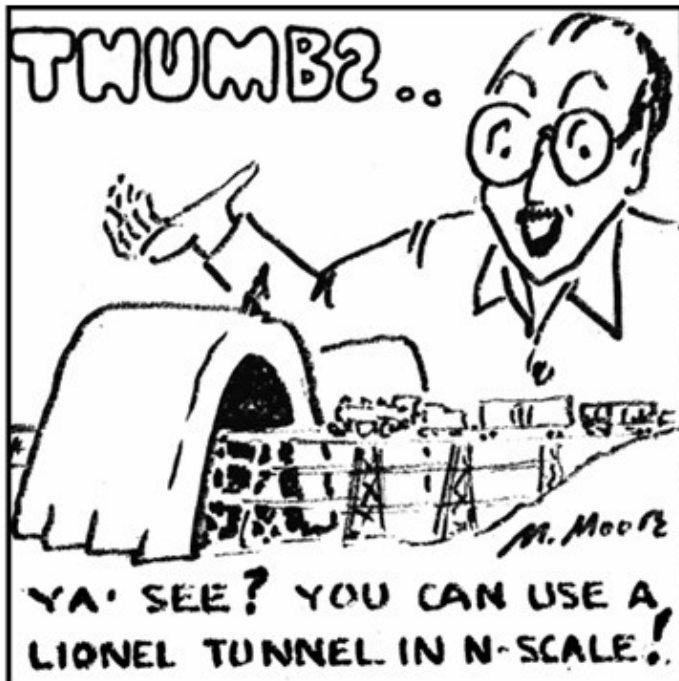
In Indy, kit construction and scratchbuilding continued and I entered several of my freight car models in a Central Indiana Division (CID) regional meet. I won two first-place awards and one second-place ribbon. On a judges' scorecard, someone noted "...he's Master Model Railroader material..." I took the advice to heart.

I enjoyed the contests, pitting my work against a set of standards. I also found that the people judging my models were a great bunch, so I offered to help them and serve on the CID Board. The camaraderie and support were outstanding. With each new model my work improved; because AP competition was working to make me a better modeler as I earned first and second places at division- and regional-level NMRA meets. I finally went to my first "Big Show" in St Paul, then Kansas City and St. Louis. I was a consistent bridesmaid at each occasion earning several seconds and thirds.

I finally won the big prize at Toronto with my scratchbuilt, all-brass 1923 Mack railtruck. I tell you this because participating in NMRA contests does not pit you against another modeler, but against yourself and a printed set of standards. Competition has forced me to become a better modeler. Maybe I'll even get around to building that layout.

I'm currently on the CID Board of Directors and have served as Paymaster since 1997.

I have earned AP Certificates for Motive Power, Cars, Structures, Prototype Models, Model Railroad Author, Electrical Engineer and Association Volunteer. 



Only one child remained at home and a big basement was just aching for a layout. But first I had to try my hand at kit- and scratch-building. It was good to be back in the hobby. In 1988 I joined the NMRA. All was going well and benchwork for a 6' x 10' layout was started.

Over 50 years old, I found myself suddenly unemployed. Luckily, I

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Keith Clark reaching out looking for article submissions for the Rusty Spike.

The CID will host the Spring Regional Convention, Hoosier Connection 2007.

**Silver Spike Ceremony
Turning a millstone into a milestone**

Do you sometimes feel that your layout is becoming a millstone around your neck? I was getting to that point with my railroad, The Midwest Central. At the Hoosier Lines Model Railroad Club work session held at my house Wednesday night, 31 May 2006, the millstone turned into a milestone.

We've worked on the railroad since the first section of benchwork was constructed and screwed into the walls of our basement on February 5th, 1997. Since that date, relatively steady progress has been made. Still, it takes time to construct benchwork, (hand) lay track, and install an electrical system.

Thanks to the help I received from many, we were able to reach a milestone that Wednesday. The mainline was completed - sort of. There is still some temporary benchwork carrying the railroad across the opening to the as yet unfinished east side of the basement. However, we can run trains and contemplate operations.

To commemorate the occasion, I decided to have a Silver Spike Ceremony. Silver, instead of gold, because the total mainline isn't yet finished. A "silver" spike was formed from 0.025" dia. chromel wire and was driven at the site of the completion of the mainline. Rule G was suspended for the evening while the workers and my Chief Financial Officer participated in a champagne toast "To Operations."

It's great to remove that millstone from around my neck. I couldn't have done it without help.

***Steve Studley, Superintendent
Midwest Central Railroad***



Steve Studley drives a Silver Spike on his layout

**2006 Election Report
- OFFICIAL -**

Pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the CID we hereby report the results of the recent election for the posts of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Clerk, Paymaster, and Trainmasters.

The results of the election are as follows:

Superintendent – Thomas Cain

Assistant Superintendent – Al Kohut

Chief Clerk – Steve Studley

Paymaster – Frank Hermanek

Trainmasters – Tom Fitzsimmons

(2 year terms) Neil Thompson

Luana Wilhite

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Litkenhous
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Tom Cain seeking Volunteers to help with CID Activities and Events

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NOTE: The RUSTY SPIKE of 2007 Volume 37 Number 4 Sept. - Oct 2007, above, is the LAST HARDCOPY that I, John Robert Coy, MMR 730, have physically in my possession. (March 2025)

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RESULTS OF THE 2008 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD

***Bold face type indicates elected individual**

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Tom Cain 47

Asst. Superintendent
Steve Studley 48

Treasurer
Brad Philbrick 48

Chief Clerk (All write-ins)
Al Kohut 1
John Stevens 1
Lou Venema 7
Bob Case 1
(Bob is not an NMRA member)

Trainmaster
Tom Fitzsimmons 47
Julian Garner 47
John Pancini 48
One (1) write-in for Wayne Maple

48 Ballots received, all in good condition!

*Bill Litkenhous
Election Committee Chair*

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Modular Layout Interest

Seeking CID members interested in participating in a modular layout group.

Some of you may know that there has been some discussion and suggestions that the CID either promote or get involved in building modules that could be on display at CID Train Shows or be used at other times as well. This topic was discussed some at the February 8, 2009 Board meeting and I wanted to share with you a little about this discussion. This was posted on the CIDList Yahoo Group right after the Board Meeting, but since it only reaches a fraction of our 440 members I want to provide that information here. (If you want to participate in the CIDList Yahoo Group please go to the CID website at: <http://cid.railfan.net/> and follow the instructions there on how to join.)

Part of the discussion in the Board meeting was to inform each other about the two primary standards used in most modules today. They are: NMRA which you can see at: http://www.nmra.org/standards/modules/ms_intro.html and, FreMo which you can see at: <http://www.free-mo.org/standard>.

Other discussion included Board members who have built and now store modules that were part of a modular group that hasn't had the modules out in a decade. I also learned that there are others who are working on modules on their own right now. Part of that discussion

of how to build, wire, and add scenery to your layout.

The formation of a modular group and choices to be made regarding standards, scale and other details really could not be accomplished in one meeting. So the Board did not take any formal action on this matter, but our CID Chief Clerk, Lou Venema stated that he would be willing to receive and collect names of CID members who are interested in pursuing this matter at greater length. If this creates a group of interested folks who want to build some modules and would welcome a forum and support of each other, then the CID would be willing to listen to the ways that we could support and encourage a modular group. Our involvement has yet to be decided on. It could range anywhere from "Great idea, you have our blessing." to "How can we help?"

How much we will be involved in this depends on how many people want to be a part of this project. If you have an interest in this subject, you can start by identifying yourself to CID Chief Clerk, Lou Venema at: lou.venema@prodigy.net His phone number is also indicated on page two of this Rusty Spike.

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The CID Wants You!



The CID wants you! If you have a Layout and belong to the NMRA and you have the desire to show your Layout then we need to know. We have two Layout Tours each year one in the spring and one in the fall. We need to update our list of folks that want to share their layouts on these tours. By you giving us the ability to show your layout it will make it easier to plan when and where we will do the next tour. It will also make you feel proud of what you have accomplished with your layout whether it is still under construction or almost completed.

What do you think about more bus tours? We had one last fall in the Evansville area and we had a great time. Would you like to mix it up a bit and have some bus tours? Some suggestions would be Monticello Illinois where you can be an engineer of a Wabash F7 unit or a Canadian National FA1. Let me know what your desires are. One thing to remember is that these bus trips will come at a cost. But a fun time that will always be remembered.

Layout Tours are great learning experiences, you pick up new ideas that may work for your layout and also help you improve your modeling skills. I have been in this hobby for 50 years and now that I have been attending these tours I have started improving my layout. A side benefit of all this is that it has improved the way I operate the layout.

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This may be your last Rusty Spike!

If you are a dues paying NMRA member or an NMRA life member you have nothing to worry about. You will continue to receive your Rusty Spike. There are also some of you who have subscribed to the Rusty Spike by sending us \$5 a year for this subscription. On the other hand there are some of you who we have gladly continued to send you our Rusty Spike publication as a marketing and informational tool of the Central Indiana Division of the NMRA. But new postal regulations particularly regarding bulk mail rates and returned mailings along with printing costs have brought our Board to the decision to only mail the Rusty Spike to CID/NMRA members and those who pay for subscriptions. I trust that you know if your NMRA membership is in force. I carry my NMRA card with me all of the time.

For those of you who are not NMRA members or subscribing to the Spike, if you want to continue to keep receiving your Rusty Spike there are two things that you could do. I first suggest that you renew your membership with the NMRA. Our National organization continues to advocate for Model Railroaders in developing standards for our hobby. If you renew your membership you can designate if you want the membership only or if you also want to pay an additional amount to receive the National publication of the "Scale Rails," which I do feel is an excellent magazine. Your second option is that you can subscribe to the Rusty Spike by mailing us a note and your address along with \$5 per year to receive the Rusty Spike 5 times a year. At \$1 per issue I'm sure you realize that covers the cost of the mailing and nothing else. Finally if you do not choose to renew your NMRA membership or subscribe to the Rusty Spike you can still view the Rusty Spike on line by going to the CID Website at:

<http://cid.railfan.net/>

We hope to hear from you and hope to keep you on our list.

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CID Superintendent

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NMRA PRESIDENT'S AWARD to ROGER HENSLEY

CID MEMBER ROGER HENSLEY Meritorious Service Award

FRANK HERMANEK becomes MMR #360

Harry Maddy and Wayne Thompson pass away

CID MEMBER ROGER HENSLEY BECOMES NMRA WEBMASTER

JACK PETTEE RESIGNED AS TRUSTEE—HEALTH ISSUES

Roger Hensley steps down as Rusty Spike Editor and Keith Clark begins his record tenure as Rusty Spike Editor.

Former Supt. Bill Litkenhous received a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service as Supt. to the CID.